Messrs.

4. Joseph Vithayathil
5. M. G. Kesava Pillai
6. T. C. Kesava Pillai
7. A. K. Kumaran Vaidyan
8. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai
9. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan
10. Sahib Bahadur M. K. Makkar Pillai
11. N. Ramakrishna Pillai
12. M. Sivathanu Pillai
13. J. W. Tolson and
14. Kannanthodath Janardanan Nair.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

Tho motion was put to vote and declared carried.

THE TRAVANCORE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill. The question of amending the Penal Code so as to bring it into conformity with the Indian Penal Code was engaging the attention of the Government and sometime back, about 4 or 5 years back, a Committee was appointed to go into the question. The one notable work done by that Committee was in respect of the Penal Code. They made certain recommendations. They were subsequently considered by Government and I have embodied in this Bill those that Government have thought fit to adopt. A new chapter on Criminal Conspiracy is proposed to be introduced. The law relating to forfeiture of property is sought to be revised. It is to be hereafter made optional with courts, and Section 182 of the Penal Code is completely revised and redrafted. Then a new section relating to obscene publications is introduced and various other wholesome provisions are also proposed. I therefore move, Sir, that the Bill be read.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the "Travancore Penal Code (Amendment) Bill."

PRESIDENT: This is one of the series of Bills seeking to make uniform our law with the laws in British India as to certain matters in which the whole of India is interested. It is found in the administration of Justice — both civil and criminal — that the absence of uniformity in the Civil Procedure Code and the Criminal Procedure Code leads to great complications in actual practice. And as it is now an accepted doctrine that the Courts of this State and the laws of this State are quite on a par with those of British India, it is advantageous to have similar provisions in matters of fundamental legal doctrine and procedure.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Travancore Penal Code (Amendment) Bill be referred to a select Committee consisting of the following members;

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Messrs.

1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2. E. E. Pandarathil
3. Kannanthodath Janardanan Nair
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6. M. G. Kesava Pillai
7. T. C. Kesava Pillai
8. P. C. Adichan
9. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai
10. K. Kunju Panickar
11. Sahib Bahadur M. K. Makkar Pillai
12. N. Ramakrishna Pillai
13. G. Velu Pillai and
14. Kottalil P. Abraham.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The question that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee was put to vote and carried.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir I rise to introduce the Criminal Procedure Code Bill Our Criminal Procedure Code is a Code drawn up and enacted in the year 1067. It is nearly fifty years old. It has become a very very old Code. We have been no doubt amending that Code and adopting a few of the important provisions that have been made in British India. No attempt till now has been made to revise the whole and bring it up-to-date. Our Criminal Procedure Code is based on the British Indian Code of 1882 and at the time it was enacted the British Indian Act had already undergone a thorough revision and since then it was completely revised and various provisions necessary for the working of the criminal law have been made there. The question of amending the Criminal Procedure Code was pending with Government for sometime. Government have decided that piecemeal amendments will do no good. The Code has accordingly been revised and redrafted. Some of the provisions contained in the British Indian Code have not been adopted. In other respects it more or less follows the British Indian Code just as the existing Code followed the 1882 Criminal Procedure Code. I move, Sir, that the Bill be read.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was adopted.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the "Travancore Criminal Procedure Code Bill."

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of :—

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